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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 1094 (1997)

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 1094 (1997) of 20 January 1997, by which the Security Council authorized, for a three-month period, the attachment to the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA) of a group of 155 military observers and requisite medical personnel for the purpose of verification of the agreement on the definitive ceasefire, signed at Oslo on 4 December 1996 between the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Gualtemalteca (URNG). By the same resolution, the Security Council also requested the Secretary-General to notify the Council no later than two weeks before the operation described in my report of 17 December 1996 (S/1996/1045, paras. 11-14) was to begin.

2. Accordingly, I am now in a position to inform the Security Council that the above-mentioned operation will begin on 3 March 1997, by which date the United Nations verification mechanism will be in place with a full operational capacity.

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